

Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee Minutes – Meeting #49
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of May 11, 2006

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Committee was informed that Dr. Bob Francis has been reassigned to different responsibilities. He will continue to act as a resource. Mike Dutton will replace Dr. Francis on the Technical Committee.

Glen Watson indicates he still continues to send minutes to the United Steelworkers of America since the retirement of Fred Gervais, but as yet has not been informed of his replacement. He will follow up.

SARA Group Monthly Report

Communications Update: SARA reported that the newsletter *Update* was distributed last week and the Independent Process Observer Report will be going out within the next week or so. SARA also stated that they will be participating and attending the Laurentian Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Conference next week.

Nickel Speciation in Air and Dust Samples: SARA informed the Technical Committee that the Ni subsulphide results from both SGS Lakefield and CLS are very similar. They both had split air and dust samples and approached the analysis using different methods and came out with similar results.

Volume 1 – Background: SARA indicated that they do not expect any comments from TERA on this portion of the report as it discusses the history of Sudbury and greening efforts. Comments, if any, are expected from TERA by July 31st.

Volume 2 – HHRA: Draft 2.0 will be submitted to the Technical Committee for TERA review by May 29th. Comments are expected by July 31st from TERA.

Volume 3 - ERA: The final chapter was submitted to the Technical Committee for review the week of April 17th. Technical Committee review should be completed by July 10th. It was noted that a copy was also sent to Laurentian University as they were very instrumental in obtaining the data.

Communications Sub-committee Communications Session: The Communications Sub-committee and the Working Group met to begin to outline responses to various issues. One of the key questions was how and when to release information. It was agreed that press releases would be prepared regarding the process to date (portions of report to IERP, etc.) and that the public will have an opportunity for questions/ input before the report is finalized. It was also suggested some educational pieces might be issued as well, noting the mandate of the legislated agencies with this committee.

Terms of Reference: Amendments were requested to be subsequently approved.

INCO and Falconbridge Offer to Create a “Framework for Decision Making” Report:

G. Watson initiated a preliminary discussion on a process that Inco and Falconbridge could take to move from risk assessment to risk management. He suggested that the companies could author a report that would detail a process for this transition. The purpose of such a report is to describe the process for applying human health risk assessment results (specifically PRG's [preliminary remediation goals]) to individual properties within the various communities of interest in the City of Greater Sudbury. This report would form a basis for communication with stakeholders regarding procedures to be followed in making decisions about risk management. If remediation is required, this report will discuss possible options for risk management that are available.

Glossary:

SSS – Sudbury Soils Study
PAC – Public Advisory Committee

TC – Technical Committee
WG – Technical Committee Working Group

CSC – Communications Sub-Committee HHRA – Human Health Risk Assessment
ERA – Ecological Risk Assessment IERP – International Expert Review Panel

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